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Thursday, October 27, 2016.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. McMurtry of Dedham in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. McMurtry), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Barrows of Mansfield, Poirier of North Attleborough and Kafka of Stoughton) commending Abby Kelley Foster House, Inc. on its fortieth anniversary;

Abby Kelley
Foster House.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Keefe of Worcester, O'Day of West Boylston, Mahoney of Worcester, Campanale of Leicester and Donahue of Worcester) congratulating Aidan Corrigan on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Aidan
Corrigan.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kocot of Northampton) honoring the artist and humanist Gregory Stone;

Gregory
Stone.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kuros of Uxbridge) commending the town of Uxbridge on the two hundred and sixtieth anniversary of Lydia Chapin Taft becoming the first woman to vote in America; and

Uxbridge,—
Lydia
Taft.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Vieira of Falmouth, Madden of Nantucket, Hunt of Sandwich, Whelan of Brewster, Mannal of Barnstable and Peake of Provincetown) congratulating Cape Arts and Entertainment, Inc. on the sixtieth anniversary of the Cape Cod Conservatory;

Cape Cod
Conservatory.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

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From the Massachusetts Port Authority (see Item 6720-1340 of Section 2C of Chapter 219 of the Acts of 2016) submitting the annual report for fiscal year 2016; and

Port
Authority.

From the Worcester Regional Transit Authority (under Section 8(g) of Chapter 161B of the General Laws) submitting its audited financial statements and independent auditors report for the fiscal year 2016;

Worcester
Regional
Transit.

Severally were placed on file.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (under Section 6 of Chapter 25C of the General Laws) for fiscal year 2016, was placed on file.

Telecommunications and Cable.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4713) of Chris Walsh and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Framingham be authorized to amend town meeting articles of said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Framingham,—
town meeting.

By Representative Calter of Kingston and Senator deMacedo, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4712) of Thomas J. Calter and Viriato M. deMacedo (by vote of the town) relative to the eligibility for participation in the town of Kingston's contributory insurance plan; and

Kingston,—
health
insurance.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4714) of David M. Nangle, Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and Rady Mom (with the approval of the city council) that the city of Lowell be authorized to exempt the position of deputy superintendent of police from the civil service law;

Lowell,—
civil service.

Severally to the committee on Public Service.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, for the committee on Health Care Financing, on House, Nos. 1000 and 3423, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Health Care Financing to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning the financing and delivery of health care in the Commonwealth (House, No. 4711). Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Health Care
Financing,—
study.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committees, reported asking to be discharged from further consideration of the order; and recommending that the same be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following Senate bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Regulating central service technicians (Senate, No. 2070, amended);

Surgical tools.

Authorizing assessment of sewer betterments and privilege fees in the town of Salisbury (Senate, No. 2481) [Local Approval Received]; and

Salisbury,—
betterment fees.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Aaron Paul, an employee of the Department of Correction (Senate, No. 2494, amended);

Aaron Paul,—
sick leave.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered

to a third reading.

By Mr. Markey of Dartmouth, for the committee on Ethics, that the Resolve establishing a task force on integrity in state and local government (House, No. 4627, changed), ought to pass. Referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Elected and appointed employees,—ethics study.

Engrossed Bills.

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Further regulating certain licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Northborough (see House, No. 3715, amended); and

Bills enacted.

Relative to the Middlesex Canal Commission (see House, No. 4536);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Relative to contracts for certain municipal officers (House, No. 1832) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Third reading bills.

Relative to the safe handling of hazardous drugs (House, No. 3995);

Authorizing the appointment of a superintendent of streets in the town of Middlefield (House, No. 4575) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Katherine Sheehan, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4704);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mrs. Ferguson of Holden (Mr. McMurtry of Dedham being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.